

### Words from Pope Francis

The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. (Amoris Laetitia 232)

### Awakening - "To the beauty of you"

At Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Mar.  
A weekend of inspiring music, song, poetry and meditative movement.  
Booking essential to Margaret @ 0749384015 or 0719176722.

### Forgiveness Saturday 25th March

Lent is a time for reflection on past, present and future. These few weeks give all of us an opportunity to review our lives and make new starts. Forgiveness is one of the hardest things to achieve, not just of others but of ourselves. Letting go of hurt, helplessness and anger can be truly liberating. Contact St Michael's Family Life Centre 9170329 for details.

### Trócaire

This Lent, Trócaire is asking people to remember those in the developing world who are living in poverty. Each Monday in Lent, Deacon Damien Kearns will share his experience of visiting Honduras with Trócaire. These reflections will be posted weekly on [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

### Accord Elphin

Accord Elphin is currently recruiting marriage care facilitators to help with Pre-Marriage course in the diocese. Full training provided. Course take place in Sligo, Boyle and Roscommon. Also, Accord Sligo are seeking Associate Counsellors interested in working with couples at the Sligo centre. Further information from the Accord office in Sligo. Telephone 071-9145641 or [accordsligo@eircom.net](mailto:accordsligo@eircom.net)

### Diocesan Vocations

Ask God what He wants for your life and know He only wants what is good for you. If, in fact, you are called to the priesthood, it will be the path to great joy and contentment. Contact Fr. Jim Murray at 071-9162136 or Fr. John Coughlan at 071-9662012, Or email [vocations@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@elphindiocese.ie) for more information.

### Joy of Bells

Bishop Kevin Doran and Dean Arfon Williams will gather with their congregations on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am at the back steps of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (John Street, Sligo) to listen to the Cathedral bells ring out as part of the "Joy of Bells" initiative expressing solidarity with migrants and refugees.

### 24 Hour Silent Eucharistic Vigil for Life

A 24 hour Silent Eucharistic Vigil for the protection of the Unborn Child in the Womb, for all Women and for the Protection of the 8th Amendment will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel beside the Cathedral, on Saturday 25th March (the Feast of the Annunciation) from 9.00am until 9.00am on Sunday 26th March.  
Please sign up for an hour by contacting 087-6274621 with your specified time, or simply sign the sheet on the Blessed Sacrament Chapel door. Thank you to all those who have given their time to pray for this very important intention.

## *Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray*

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## "WATCH AND LISTEN"



### *Celebration of the Eucharist*

*Celebration of the Eucharist ST. MOLAISE, CLIFFONEY*

*Sunday: 10:30 a.m.*

*Wednesday, 7:00 -8:00 pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

*CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE, GRANGE*

*Saturday: 8:00 p.m*

*Sunday: 12:00 noon*

*OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA ORATORY, MULLAGHMORE*

*Saturday: 6:30pm*

MINISTRY ROTAS, <u>CLIFFONEY</u>		
DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Sun, 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mary Clancy, Karen McGloin	Patricia Hickey
Sun, 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mary McGowan, Anne Roper	Pauline Maguire, Anne McGloin
<b>Altar Society</b>	<b>March:</b> K. McGloin, E. McGloin, T. O'Connor	
MASS INTENTIONS in CLIFFONEY & MULLAGHMORE		
Sat, 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30 pm	Mullaghmore:
Sun, 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.30 am	Cliffoney: Tommy Maguire Months Mind Mark Hannon (Anniversary) Gus McHugh (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) + Dan McHugh
Thur, 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm	Mullaghmore: Paddy Callery (29 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Fri, 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.30am	Cliffoney:
Sat, 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm	Mullaghmore: Martin Barry + Parents
Sun, 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.30am	Cliffoney: Karen Fowley (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Cliffoney Offerings:</b> Sunday Collection: €779 Diocesan Needs: €191		

#### Lenten Retreat 2017 – Galilee Community

Saturday, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>. Presenter: Fr. Jim Noonan OCD.

Will begin at 10.30am with tea/coffee, a light lunch at 1pm.

Day will end with Mass at 4.30pm. Costs €25, Contact for info +353-71 - 9664101

#### Station Masses

Castlel + Grellagh: Gene + Kathleen Sheerin, Mar 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

Carns: Sean + Mary Feeney, Apr 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

#### Stations of the Cross

The children's version of The Stations of The Cross takes place every Friday at 3.05pm in Grange Church except for next week when it will be held on Thursday. Everyone is welcome to join the prayer.

#### Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

Abstaining from meat, some other food, alcoholic drink or smoking;

Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;

Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;

Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;

Making the Stations of the Cross;

Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;

Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

#### Benwiskin Centre

Community Garden Project commences at The Benwiskin Centre, Ballinlirlick, Mon.

27/3/17 until Oct. 9.30-11.30am. Fee €60. 071 9176721.

MASSES, <u>GRANGE</u>		
Sat, 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8pm	Tommy + Annie Gilroy
Sun, 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.00 1pm	Aiden McGowan (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Baptism
Mon, 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7pm	John + Mary Meehan, Mullaghmore
Tue, 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7pm	For People of the Parish
Wed, 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7pm	Enrolment Mass
Thur, 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8pm	Vigil Mass St. Patrick's Day
Fri, 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.00	Hugh O' Reilly
Sat, 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8pm	
Sun, 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.00	Mary Anne Leyden Teresa Burns, Aughagad died 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2016
March	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
OFFERTORY COLLECTORS	Pat Wymbs, Moneygold; Joe Currid, Ballyscannell; Sean Feeney, Carns; Joe Herrity, Aughagad	Michael Feighney, Streedagh; Francis Brennan, Newtownward; Martin McLean, Aughagad
ALTAR SOCIETY	<b>March:</b> Imelda Gilroy, Patricia Campbell, Cathy McCarry	
<b>Grange Offerings:</b> Sunday Collection: €1090 Restoration: €193 Diocesan Needs: €25		

#### Please Remember in your Prayers

**Margaret(Peggy) Herity (nee McGowan)** formerly Streedagh

+ Lincoln, England. Died 8<sup>th</sup> March. Our sympathy to her family and cousins in Grange.

**Kenneth McGowan** – Derrylehan. Our sympathy to his parents, Úna + Chris and sister Elaine and her partner Glen and their children Esme + Elodie. Reposing on Sunday at Úna's residence, Derrylehan. Funeral Mass at 12 noon in Grange Church on Mon 13<sup>th</sup> with burial immediately afterwards in Ahamlish Cemetery.

**Michael James Cryan**, Drumcliffe South. Funeral took place in St. Colmcille's Church, Rathcormack on Thur, Mar 9<sup>th</sup> with burial in Drumcliffe Cemetery. Our sympathy to his sister Mary Anne Burns, Moneygold + family

**Kathleen Banks (nee McGowan)** Carnagark, Ballinful. Funeral Mass took place in St. Patrick's Church, Maugherow on Mar 9<sup>th</sup>. Burial in Carrigeens Cemetery. Our sympathy to her family + sister Mary Gallagher, Sycamore Heights, Cliffoney.

#### Grange and District Community Alert Group

Text Alert Membership Renewal for 2017 is now due. Update your membership at Grange Post Office by completing the renewal form and placing in the wooden box with the annual fee of €5 or give to any committee member. Text Alert Scheme is for the benefit of the community and needs the community support. New members welcome.

#### Congratulations

Well done to all who received their First Confession last Thursday evening in Grange Church, and sincere thanks to parents + teachers for your support!

### **Interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Elphin?**

The Diocese of Elphin is now accepting applications from married and single men who may feel called to ministry as Permanent Deacons. The four year part-time training programme will begin in Autumn 2017. For further information or a conversation around the topic please contact the Director of the Permanent Diaconate by email to: [mgduignan@gmail.com](mailto:mgduignan@gmail.com) For further information visit <http://www.elphindiocese.ie/permanent-diaconate/>. The next intake of candidates after 2017 will be in 2021.

**Lenten Reflections** by Fr. Niall Ahern now available as Podcasts @ [www.elphindioces.ie/reflections/](http://www.elphindioces.ie/reflections/)

### **Greater Sligo Area**

**Lenten Scripture Sharing Groups meeting weekly** in The Library, St. Anne's Church, Cranmore, Sligo on Mondays @ 8 pm and in Gillooly Hall, Temple St., Sligo on Tuesdays @ 8 pm. Newcomers welcome. For more info. re: St. Anne' Group contact Sabrina @ 071 9145028 and re: Gillooly Hall Group contact Dermot @ 087 2888891.

### **Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima – Sligo**

Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, the International Centennial pilgrim statue blessed by Pope Francis will visit Sligo on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March with a procession through Sligo town starting at 6pm from Sligo Cathedral and return for Mass at 7.30pm. The church will remain open until midnight and the visit ends after 12noon Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima – Athlone**

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, A Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed by Pope Francis on January 11th. It was crowned by Archbishop Eamon Martin on 3rd March in Armagh and from there it is travelling around Ireland. It will be in the in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone on Tuesday, 21st March arriving at 6pm for public veneration and confessions with Mass at 7 p.m. Consecration of the

Homes and Families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and enrolment in the brown scapular will take place at the end of Mass for those who wish to do so. This will be followed by Holy Hour.

### **Michaela Foundation – Volunteers**

Michaela Foundation are currently recruiting enthusiastic individuals aged 17+ to volunteer at their Summer Camp for girls in Mercy College, Sligo Town from 17th – 21st July.

At Camp, girls aged 11-13 will engage in a range of volunteer-led activities. Those interested in volunteering should visit [www.michaelafoundation.com](http://www.michaelafoundation.com) to learn more about the roles available and to apply online. All volunteers must be vetted and complete child protection training. Further training will be provided for all volunteers.

### **Book Signing – Veritas Sligo (Poster Attached)**

Nollaig O'Donnell will be signing copies of her book "Something Within" in Veritas, Adelaide Street, Sligo on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 12pm-3pm. <http://www.veritasbooksonline.com/something-within.html>

### **Lenten Retreat – Gailee Community**

All are invited to a Lenten Retreat on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am at the Gaililee Community (outside Boyle on N4). Theme: Mary's Faith gave her courage to remain with her Son on the Journey to Calvary. Presenter: Fr Jim Noonan OCD. Lunch included. Cost of day €25 per person.

### **Happy Easter Egg**

The Happy Easter Story booklet inside the box tells the Easter story in illustrated rhyme. The Happy Easter Story is also online to watch, with free Easter competitions, and more. The high quality chocolate egg and honeycomb crisp milk chocolates (total 195g) are from ethically sourced cocoa beans, made in Ireland and supporting Irish businesses. For every Happy Easter Egg purchased, 10c goes to the Irish charity The Hope Foundation. See our website [www.happyeasteregg.ie](http://www.happyeasteregg.ie)

### **Tales of St. Patrick - Castlebar**

Award-winning storyteller Rab Fulton will be performing at a wonderful free family event celebrating St. Patrick, at the **National Museum of Ireland – Country Life**, Turlough Park, Castlebar, on **Saturday, March 18**. There will be two storytelling sessions on the day from 11.30am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 3pm. Events are free but booking is required on (094) 90 31751 or [educationtph@museum.ie](mailto:educationtph@museum.ie). Admission to the Museum of Country Life is free.

**Pioneer National Ball**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Pioneer National Ball takes place on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in the Sheraton Athlone Hotel, after 6.30pm Mass in St. Mary's Church, Athlone. Tickets €30. Guest Speaker: Jim Bolger. Music by Nite Fever. Contact Brenda Lynch 087-6189411 or Dermot Fagan 085-7201646.

**Ray of Sunshine Foundation**

Are you a tradesperson aged between 20 and 68 years. If so, The Ray of Sunshine Foundation is seeking your help. We will travel to Kenya in January, 2018 to build a Rescue Home for boys. This home will change lives forever. Would you like to be part of our building team? Duration of stay 11 days. Cost €3000 which covers flights, accommodation, insurance and all the materials for the build. Visit [rayofsunshine.ie](http://rayofsunshine.ie). or contact Olive on 087/6994599 for more information [www.rayofsunshine.ie](http://www.rayofsunshine.ie)